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Town Officers.

Moderator,

JOSEPH C. A. WINGATE.

Town Clerk,

ALBERT C. LANE.

Selectmen,

EMMONS B. CHASE, JOSEPH T. SMART,
ISAAC S. WIGGIN.

Treasurer,

ALBERT C. LANE.

Collector of Taxes,

J. FRED EMERY.

Highway Agents,

CHARLES J. BREWSTER, FRED L. JEWELL,
JOHN W. MARSH.

Board of Education,

GEORGE A. WIGGIN, JOHN J. SMART,
JOSEPHINE JEWELL.

Board of Health,

MARK G. ROBERTS, GEORGE E. GOWEN,
FRED N. EDMUNDS.

Library Trustees.

RICHARD M. SCAMMON, FREDERICK A. CAVERLY.
GEORGE E. GOWEN.

Auditors,

JOHN N. THOMPSON, JOHN J. SMART.

Supervisors,

GILBERT A. THOMPSON, CHARLES E. WIGGIN,
WILLARD G. PARKMAN.

Town Warrant.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Stratham, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, for paying Town Debt, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see what action the Town will take in repairing walls and ceiling of interior of Town Hall, and appropriate money for same.
4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for decorating Soldiers' graves.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Committees, or other Officers heretofore chosen or appointed and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

E. B. CHASE,	} Selectmen of Stratham.
J. T. SMART,	
ISAAC S. WIGGIN,	

A true copy, Attest,

E. B. CHASE,	} Selectmen of Stratham.
J. T. SMART,	
ISAAC S. WIGGIN,	

Selectmen's Report.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount of money raised and appropriated for the year 1897 :

State tax,	\$1,205 00
County tax,	1,387 31
School tax,	1,205 00
Highway tax,	1,040 69
Insurance on school house,	20 00
Library tax,	72 30
School house tax,	500 00
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Total,	\$5,430 30

VALUATION.

Polls, 144,	\$14,400 00
Land and buildings,	329,656 00
Horses, 284,	11,475 00
Asses and mules, 2,	20 00
Oxen, 9,	555 00
Cows, 506,	12,184 00
Other neat stock, 15,	193 00
Sheep, 100,	284 00
Carriages, 8,	400 00
Public funds,	100 00
Stock in banks and other corporations in this state,	3,419 00
Stock in corporations out of the state,	10,500 00
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit,	26,114 00
Stock in trade,	3,950 00
Mills,	3,027 00
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Total amount of inventory,	\$416,277 00
Town rate of taxation on \$100, \$1.34.	
District rate of taxation on \$100, 40c.	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

George W. Dixon, note, 4 per cent.,	\$500 00
John N. Thompson, note, 4 per cent.,	750 00
Exeter Banking Co., note, 5 per cent.,	500 00
Estimated outstanding bills,	50 00
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	\$1,800 00

MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Uncollected taxes, 1897,	\$346 24
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	310 46
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	\$656 70
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Town debt,	\$1,143 30

E. B. CHASE,	} Selectmen of Stratham.
J. T. SMART,	
ISAAC S. WIGGIN,	

Collector's Report.

ACCOUNT OF COLLECTOR J. FRED EMERY.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection, State, County, Town, School, School

House and Highway,	\$5,325 47
Non-Resident,	264 44
Uncollected taxes of 1896,	147 24

\$5,737 15

COLLECTOR EMERY'S DISCHARGE.

Paid Treasurer in cash,	\$5,279 24
Discount,	103 24
Abatements,	8 43
Uncollected taxes,	346 24

\$5,737 15

Paid Treasurer interest on taxes, \$14.03.

STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 15, 1898.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector J. Fred Emery and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. N. THOMPSON, } Auditors.
JOHN J. SMART, }

Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER LANE'S REPORT.

Balance from last year,	\$620 05
Received of Collector J. F. Emery, taxes,	5,293 27
Feb. 22, County Treasurer,	160 00
Exeter Banking Co.,	500 00
Sept. 25, County Treasurer,	34 50
John O. Wiggin, cemetery lot,	12 00
R. M. Scammon, old bridge plank,	1 00
Exeter Banking Co.,	500 00
Dec. 24, County Treasurer,	74 13
Feb. 3, County Treasurer,	68 95
Railroad tax,	230 05
Savings Bank tax,	882 23
Literary Fund,	75 64
Exeter Banking Co.,	500 00
John N. Thompson,	750 00
George A. Wiggin, return premium on old school house policy,	4 90
Dog Licenses,	51 70
William Lester, cement,	60
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	\$9,759 02

TREASURER LANE'S DISCHARGE.

Paid J. Fred Emery, notifying dog owners,	\$10 00
“ services as Collector, 1896,	60 00
Sibley & Son, town warrant and supplies,	2 13
George A. Wiggin, furnishing 23 loads gravel and drawing the same,	9 20

Paid James W. Rollins, abatement of taxes,	\$9 76
" use of watering trough,	3 00
M. G. Roberts, stationery, postage, etc.,	3 00
" preparing town accounts,	2 00
" distributing the same,	1 00
" preparing and posting warrant,	1 00
Herbert S. Barnard, Member School Board,	1 50
Josephine Jewell, "	11 50
J. Fred Emery, expense incurred by the arrest of Fred Taylor,	5 60
J. Fred Emery, arresting unknown man and lodging in Exeter Police Station,	1 48
J. Fred Emery, to advertising non-resident prop- erty,	1 81
George Wingate, to 4 1-8 rods stone wall, at \$2.00,	8 25
George Dixon, interest on note from March 26, 1896, to March 26, 1897,	20 00
John Templeton, printing town reports,	40 00
George A. Wiggin, school supplies,	27 00
H. J. Willey, for painting cemetery fence,	10 00
" pruning hedge and trees,	11 00
" building fence,	2 50
" boards and nails,	1 00
George A. Wiggin, school supplies and insurance,	26 35
George E. Gowen, Treasurer Board of Health, on account of scarlet fever,	46 18
O. E. Lane, for repairing and cleaning up after road agents on saw mill hill,	5 00
George E. Gowen, Treasurer Board of Health,	50 65
Exeter Banking Co., note and interest,	506 25
H. J. Willey, for decorating soldiers' graves,	2 00
" for flowers, plants and markers,	8 20
Edmund J. Folsom, abatement of taxes,	45 49
Albert C. Lane, School Treasurer, for benefit of Building Committee,	500 00
Robert Scott,	4 13
Edson C. Eastman, blank books,	2 29

Paid W. H. C. Follansby, County Treasurer, tax,	\$1,387 31
F. N. Edmunds, 3 tons coal for Town Hall,	18 75
George A. Wiggin, school house repairs,	23 62
“ school supplies and insurance,	63 32
F. N. Edmunds, express on 4 barrels cement,	2 00
F. P. Harvey, for procuring guide board and post and setting same at Riverside,	2 57
Albert C. Lane, School Treasurer, for enlarging school yard, Division 2,	50 00
George A. Wiggin, school supplies and insurance,	88 05
J. W. Odell, M. D., attendance to scarlet fever,	41 50
H. J. Willey, 4 days grading school yard, Division 2,	6 00
H. J. Willey, 1 day's use of horse,	1 00
George A. Wiggin, school supplies and insurance on Library Building,	16 08
Mrs. A. C. Lane, board and lodging for old soldier,	1 00
Pearson & Wiggin, abatement of highway tax, 1897,	6 82
State Tax,	1,205 00
A. Donnelly, 3 language charts,	45 00
R. M. Scammon, Library Fund,	72 30
Fred A. Caverly, preparing 311 library books for shelves,	9 33
George H. Tarlton, tuning piano,	1 75
John J. Smart, services, Member School Board,	15 00
Exeter Banking Co.,	500 00
“ interest,	4 17
H. J. Willey, labor and stock, painting Town Hall,	5 30
George A. Wiggin, school supplies,	18 70
F. W. Pike, M. D., vaccination of school children,	9 00
J. A. Walker, 4 casks cement,	10 00
J. T. Smart, 1-2 cord wood,	1 50
George A. Wiggin, school supplies,	5 83
“ services, Member School Board,	51 50
W. L. Barker, Committee, copying records,	2 00
James W. Rollins, damage to sheep by dogs,	20 00

Paid James W. Rollins, use of watering trough,	\$3 00
Fred A. Caverly, member Library Trustees and Librarian from Oct. 15,	27 46
Geo. E. Gowen, member Library Trustees,	4 25
“ services, Board of Health,	5 25
R. M. Scammon, “ Library Trustee,	8 50
M. E. Lane, “ Librarian eight months,	15 00
Lamson & Field, lamp for library room,	3 85
Getchel & Taylor, chain and hook, library room,	25
H. H. Leavitt, making book case and extra labor on stairway,	45 45
H. H. Leavitt, extra work on blackboards,	3 35
“ labor and stock on Town Hall,	15 89
M. G. Roberts, services, Board of Health,	16 25
F. N. Edmunds, “ “	4 75
Wm. Morse, abatement of taxes,	1 37
J. J. Scammon and J. N. Thompson, services as School Auditors,	2 00
George W. Dixon, damage to sheep by dogs,	3 50
“ use of watering trough,	3 00
J. Fred Emery, labor on flag pole, Division 1,	5 00
“ arresting and committing Jim Barry to County Farm,	8 25
E. B. Chase, services as Selectman,	58 00
J. T. Smart, “ “	46 50
Isaac S. Wiggin, “ “	41 25
Albert C. Lane, “ Town Clerk and Treasurer,	50 00
“ “ School Clerk and Treasurer,	10 00
“ receiving and recording vital statistics,	8 25
“ supplying information not rendered by Physician,	2 00
“ services as Justice of the Peace,	2 25
“ postage and writing material,	1 98
E. C. Eastman, for blank forms,	45
R. M. Scammon, desk and funnel for library room,	3 80
Albert C. Lane, on account of services as Treasurer of School Building Committee, Division 2,	5 00
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	\$5,529 52

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid L. G. Otis, re-building bridge at Ayer's Hill,	\$150 00
Geo. W. Chase, labor on highway,	11 00
L. H. Thompson, snow paths,	7 78
“ balance due summer work, 1896,	8 57
Highway Agent, Fred L. Jewell,	674 40
“ C. J. Brewster,	610 60
“ J. W. Marsh,	591 68
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	\$2,054 03

SCHOOLS.

Paid Albert C. Lane, School Treasurer, for benefit of schools,	\$1,308 84
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COUNTY POOR.

Paid Geo. H. Odell, supplies for Jennie Mason,	\$34 50
H. J. Willey, board, “	15 00
“ support, “	21 00
“ “ “	8 00
J. W. Odell, M. D., professional services,	8 00
Geo. H. Odell, supplies for G. F. Wentworth,	24 00
“ “ “ “	16 50
Otis B. French, house rent “ “	22 50
J. W. Odell, M. D., professional services,	12 95
Burial expenses of man found dead,	15 00
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	\$177 45

LIBRARY ROOM.

Paid H. H. Leavitt for building Library room as per contract,	\$378 72
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RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by the Treasurer,	\$9,759 02
Paid outstanding demands and sundry ex- penses,	\$5,529 52
Highways and Bridges,	2,054 03
Schools,	1,308 84
County Poor,	177 45
New Library room,	378 72
Balance,	310 46
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	\$9,759 02

AUDITORS' REPORT.

STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 15, 1898.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Treasurer Albert C. Lane, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance of three hundred and ten dollars and forty-six cents in his hands.

JOHN N THOMPSON, }
JOHN J. SMART, } Auditors.

Town Officers' Bills.

Town of Stratham, to E. B. CHASE, DR.

1897.

Feb. 25,	To distributing Town Reports,	\$1 00
Mar. 10,	writing Collector's, Treasurer's, and Highway Agents' bond, and delivering same,	2 00
15,	meeting with Library Trustees,	1 00
15,	evening session,	50
16 and 17,	To preparing and distributing inventory blanks,	4 00
27,	writing and posting notice of Selectmen's meeting,	50
27,	attending jury drawing,	50
April 3,	evening session,	50
13,	receiving inventory blanks,	2 00
15 and 16,	To making assessments,	4 00
25,	return of inventory to Sec'y of State and Treasurer,	3 00
26,	Messrs. Smart's and Wiggin's,	50
May 1,	Exeter on Town business,	50
1,	evening session,	50
1,	making taxes and recording same,	10 00
1,	making out Collector's book,	3 00
22,	evening session,	50
28,	Exeter to meet County Commissioners,	1 00
June 5,	evening session,	50
11,	examining bridges,	1 00
14,	Greenland for counsel on Eliza Robinson case,	1 00
15,	meeting County Commissioners on account of Eliza Robinson's case,	1 00
28,	examining bridge,	50
July 3,	evening session,	50
Aug. 7,	"	50

Aug. 17,	To Exeter on Town business,	\$1 00
Sept. 4,	evening session,	50
17,	examining bridge,	50
Oct. 1,	jury drawing,	50
2,	evening session,	50
11,	Messrs. Gowen's and Smart's,	50
Nov. 6,	evening session,	50
Dec. 4,	"	50
7,	Messrs. Smart's and Wiggin's for signatures,	50
8,	Exeter on Town business,	50
9,	settling with State Treasurer,	1 00
27,	revising jury box,	50
1898.		
Jan. 1,	evening session,	50
3,	1-2 day on Town business,	1 00
18,	collecting bills and settling with County,	2 00
Feb. 5,	evening session,	50
8,	Messrs. Smart's, Wiggin's and Exeter, on account of hiring money,	1 00
8,	stationery and postage,	2 00
14 and 15,	To in session,	4 00
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		\$58 00

Town of Stratham, to J. T. SMART, DR.

1897.		
	Services after auditing,	\$4 00
Mar. 15,	Afternoon, evening session,	1 50
16,	Preparing inventory blanks,	2 00
17,	Distributing "	2 00
18,	Exeter on Mason case,	1 00
27,	Jury meeting,	50
Apr. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8,	Taking inventory,	10 00
3,	Evening session,	50
13,	Receiving inventory,	2 00
15, 16,	Making assessments,	4 00
May 1,	Evening session,	50
22,	"	50

May	27, Taking Elsa May Pratt to county farm,	\$3 00
	28, To Exeter to get papers signed in Pratt case,	1 00
June	1, Attending tax sale, F. P. Smith,	50
	5, Evening session,	50
	11, Examining Pond Lily and Guinea Road bridges,	1 00
	15, Hearing with County Commissioners, on Eliza Robinson case,	1 00
	28, Examining Ayer's bridge,	50
July	3, Evening session,	50
	13, Writing and posting notice for rebuilding Ayers bridge,	50
Aug.	7, Evening session,	50
	24, To B. H. Moulton's for description of man found dead and correspondence with other parties,	1 00
Sept.	4, Evening session,	50
Oct.	1, Jury meeting,	50
	2, Evening session,	50
Nov.	6, " "	50
Dec.	4, " "	50
	27, Revising jury box,	50
1898.		
Jan.	1, Evening session,	50
Feb.	5, " "	50
	14, In session,	2 00
	15, " "	2 00
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		\$46 50

Town of Stratham, to ISAAC S. WIGGIN, DR.

1897.

Mar.	15, Afternoon and evening session,	\$1 50
	16, 17, preparing and distributing inventory blanks,	3 50
	27, Attending jury meeting,	50
April,	Five days taking inventory,	10 00
	Attending evening session,	50
	Receiving inventory blanks and making assessments,	6 00

May	1, Attending evening session,	\$0 50
	29, " "	50
June	5, Examining sheep killed by dogs belonging to Geo. Wingate,	75
	18, Examining lambs killed by dogs belonging to H. G. Smith,	75
	26, Examining bridge at Geo. W. Chase's,	50
	28, Attending evening session,	50
July	3, " "	50
	20, Attending session of County Commissioners at Exeter,	1 00
Aug.	7, Attending evening session,	50
	19, Taking charge of unknown man found dead on land of James W. Foss,	2 50
Sept.	4, Attending evening session,	50
	15, At George W. Chase's bridge,	50
	17, Examining bridges on Newmarket Road,	1 00
	30, Repairing grist mill bridge,	75
Oct.	1, Attending jury meeting,	50
	2, Evening session,	50
	11, Making out deed for lot in cemetery,	50
Nov.	6, Attending evening session,	50
Dec.	2, At Town Hall,	50
	4, Attending evening session,	50
	27, Revising jury box,	50
1898.		
Jan.	1, Attending evening session,	50
Feb.	5, " "	50
	14, One day in session,	2 00
	15, " "	2 00
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		\$41 25

Highway Agents' Reports.

TO C. J. BREWSTER, Dr., FOR MAKING SUMMER ROADS.

Paid C. J. Brewster,	296 hours at .20,	\$59 20
Team, labor,	85 " .25,	21 25
Spikes and rails,		1 00
Lantern and globes,		90
Geo. R. Brewster, with team,	190 " .40,	76 00
" use of plough,		1 40
Geo. H. Bowley, with team,	52 1-2 " .40,	21 00
Sylvester Dame, with team,	47 " .40,	18 80
John S. Scammon,	161 " .15,	24 15
" 1 horse and cart,	58 " .15,	8 70
J. Wesley Berry,	9 1-2 " .15,	1 43
" with team,	24 1-2 " .40,	9 80
" for stone,		1 00
Hiram Chase, with team,	24 " .40,	9 60
James P. Chase, with team,	20 " .40,	8 00
" use of plough,		50
Albert N. Rollins, with team,	20 " .40,	8 00
Sylvanus Foss,	11 " .15,	1 65
" one horse and cart,	8 " .15,	1 20
Geo. W. Bowley,	10 " .15,	1 50
" laying stone,	120 " .20,	24 00
Frank Rundlett,	212 " .15,	31 80
William Wentworth,	167 1-2 " .15,	25 12
Charles Grant,	155 " .15,	23 25
Walter Tuttle,	85 " .15,	12 75
Geo. Parkman,	12 " .15,	1 80
William Dining,	8 " .15,	1 20
J. C. A. Wingate, for lumber,		1 00
Geo. H. Odell, for shovels,		1 20

Paid Albert Leavitt,	4 hours at .15,	\$0 60
B. S. Jenness,	4 " .15,	60
Albert Livingston,	3 " .15,	45
Hosea Tuttle,	8 " .15,	1 20
Amount used for washouts,		169 00
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		\$400 05
Received from Town Treasurer,		\$400 05

FOR BREAKING ROADS.

Paid R. M. Scammon,		\$8 82
Nester Tuttle,	17 hours at .15,	2 55
Geo. H. Bowley,	31 1-2 " .15,	4 72
" 2 horses,	8 1-2 " .25,	2 12
Emmons B. Chase,	12 " .15,	1 80
Marshall Chase,	29 " .15,	4 35
Charles Grant,	26 " .15,	3 90
Fred Wentworth,	28 " .15,	4 20
William Wentworth,	28 " .15,	4 20
William H. Wentworth,	5 " .15,	75
Frank Rundlett,	27 1-2 " .15,	4 12
Geo. R. Brewster,	40 " .15,	6 00
" 2 horses,	21 " .25,	5 25
Frank H. Brewster,	37 1-2 " .15,	5 62
Geo. H. Dean,	16 " .15,	2 40
Melvin Stickney,	25 " .15,	3 75
Fred Emery,	13 " .15,	1 95
Albert Batchelder,	12 1-4 " .15,	1 83
Frank Tuttle,	28 " .15,	4 20
Geo. W. Bowley,	22 1-2 " .15,	3 38
Frank A. Batchelder,	20 " .15,	3 00
Jesse Merrill,	27 " .15,	4 05
Lawrence Otis,	14 1-2 " .15,	2 17
David P. Batchelder,	7 1-2 " .15,	1 13
John Chase,	7 " .15,	1 05
Jerry Jones,	27 " .15,	4 00
Mark G. Roberts,	42 " .15,	6 30

Paid Mark G. Roberts, 2 horses,	10 hours at .25,	\$2 50
John S. Scammon,	31 1-2 " .15,	4 72
George Folsom,	20 " .15,	3 00
Charles Chase,	41 " .15,	6 15
John Lane,	2 " .15,	30
Geo. Parkman,	25 " .15,	3 75
James P. Chase,	30 " .15,	4 50
" 2 horses,	9 " .25,	2 25
William Lang,	28 " .15,	4 20
" 2 horses,	3 " .25,	75
James W. Rollins,	32 " .15,	4 80
J. Wesley Berry,	33 1-2 " .15,	5 02
" 2 horses,	3 " .25,	75
Hiram Chase,	51 " .15,	7 65
" 2 horses,	9 " .25,	2 25
Frank Jenness,	16 " .15,	2 40
Albert N. Rollins,	22 " .15,	3 30
Nelson M. Tucker,	9 " .15,	1 35
Joseph G. Barnard,	30 " .15,	4 50
John S. Brewster,	50 " .15,	7 50
Daniel Smith,	20 1-2 " .15,	3 07
" 2 horses,	11 " .25,	2 75
William Dining,	30 " .15,	4 50
B. S. Jenness,	33 " .15,	4 95
" 2 horses,	5 " .25,	1 25
Sylvester Dame,	34 1-2 " .15,	5 17
" 2 horses,	14 1-2 " .25,	3 62
Edwin J. Barrett,	8 7-12 " .15,	1 29
Arthur B. Cushman,	12 1-2 " .15,	1 88
C. J. Brewster,	60 " .20,	12 00
J. T. Smart,	5 " .15,	75

\$210 55

TO FRED L. JEWELL, DR., FOR MAKING SUMMER ROADS.

Received of Treasurer,			\$471 74
Paid F. L. Jewell,	168 hours at .20,		\$33 60
"	team, 200 " .40,		80 00
"	man, 89 1-2 " .15,		13 43
"	horse, 45 1-2 " .10,		4 55
"	use of plow,		25
"	repairs, road machine,		95
"	dynamite,		50
"	3 poles at .20, sharpening drills,		70
F. E. Berry,	team, 47 hours at .40,		18 80
"	man, 38 " .15,		5 70
B. F. Witham,	157 " .15,		23 55
Wm. H. Snell,	20 " .15,		3 00
"	use of horse and nails,		25
Wm. Dining,	95 " .15,		14 25
"	6 cedar posts at .15,		90
F. H. Barker,	team, 30 " .40,		12 00
"	man, 13 " .15,		1 95
A. H. Otis,	team, 19 " .40,		7 60
"	man, 8 1-2 " .15,		1 28
T. H. Fitzgerald,	31 " .15,		4 65
A. C. Leavitt,	team, 15 " .40,		6 00
"	man, 25 " .15,		3 75
"	use of horse and covering stone,		1 00
J. C. Piper,	team, 27 1-2 " .40,		11 00
"	use of cart and poles,		86
Geo. H. Wiggin,	team, 10 " .40,		4 00
"	man, 9 " .15,		1 35
D. C. Jewell,	" 8 " .15,		1 20
"	team, 20 " .40,		8 00
A. E. Jewell,	" 35 " .40,		14 00
A. A. Haven,	" 22 1-2 " .40,		9 00
L. H. Thompson,	" 30 1-4 " .40,		12 10
"	man, 10 " .15,		1 50

Paid L. H. Thompson, man and horse,	3 hours at .25,	\$0 75
W. A. Swift,	man, 10 " .15,	1 50
J. Beaulieu,	25 " .15,	3 75
E. B. Jewell,	9 1-2 " .15,	1 43
George H. Odell, 2 picks, 2 shovels,		3 20
Geo. W. Chase,	team, 34 " .40,	13 60
"	man, 17 " .15,	2 55
"	man and horse, 4 " .25,	1 00
Geo. P. Hoag,	team, 20 " .40,	8 00
Prescott Coburn,	15 " .15,	2 25
Young & Perkins, 14-ft. drain pipes,		1 12
H. V. Smith,	team, 3 1-2 " .40,	1 40
"	man, 17 1-2 " .15,	2 63
L. D. Dority,	team and man, 2 " .55,	1 10
F. N. Edmunds, man and horse,	2 1-2 " .25,	63
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LABOR ON AYER'S BRIDGE.

Paid F. L. Jewell,	110 hours at .20,	\$22 00
"	team, 109 1-4 " .40,	43 70
"	man, 80 1-4 " .15,	12 04
"	horse, 7 " .10,	70
"	7 long poles at .25,	1 75
"	cart, 10 " .05,	50
"	sharpening drills,	80
"	charcoal and nails,	22
"	repairs on plow,	1 00
B. F. Witham, on stone,	9 hours at .20,	1 80
Frank Witham, " "	22 " .17 1-2,	3 85
L. H. Thompson " "	27 3-4 " .20,	5 55
L. G. Otis, " "	10 " .20,	2 00
"	43 5-6 " .15,	6 57
"	use of derrick, 14 " .10	1 40
Young & Perkins, 88 pounds iron rods at .02,		1 76
"	15 1-2 pounds lead at .05,	78
F. W. Jenness, work on rods,		1 85
"	sharpening drills,	61

Paid A. C. Lane, painting signs,		\$0 40
W. Witham, tending lantern,		50
J. F. Hackett, repairs on stone dray,		1 50
Geo. A. Wiggin, use of stone dray,		1 50

LABOR ON CULVERT ON JONES' ROAD.

F. L. Jewell,	17	1-2 hours at .20,	\$3 50
" team,	2	" .40,	80
" man,	6	1-2 " .15,	98
" horse,	9	" .10,	90
B. F. Witham, stone work,	17	1-2 " .20,	3 50
" " "	8	" .15,	1 20
Geo. W. Chase, clearing wood,			1 50

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BREAKING ROADS, 1898.

Paid F. L. Jewell,	34	1-2 hours at .20,	\$6 90
" team,	35	" .40,	14 00
" pair of horses,	8	" .25,	2 00
H. V. Smith, team,	18	" .40,	7 20
" man,	3	1-2 " .15,	53
F. H. Barker, team,	18	" .40,	7 20
" man,	8	1-2 " .15,	1 28
T. H. Fitzgerald,	35	" .15,	5 25
E. B. Jewell, team,	14	" .40,	5 60
" "	1	" .15,	15
J. Olson,	35	" .15,	5 25
Lewis Barneby,	37	" .15,	5 55
B. F. Witham,	25	" .15,	3 75
Prescott Coburn,	32	" .15,	4 80
D. C. Jewell, pair of horses,	13	" .25,	3 25
Windalir Brehm,	14	1-2 " .15,	2 17
E. N. Smith,	6	" .15,	90
Geo. B. Wiggin,	13	" .15,	1 95
Geo. Kelley,	22	" .15,	3 30
Wm. H. Snell,	6	1-2 " .15,	97
Wm. H. Bruen,	35	" .15,	5 25

Paid Geo. H. Odell,	8	hours at	.15,	\$1 20
W. V. Witham,	19	"	.15,	2 85
A. C. Leavitt,	11	"	.15,	1 65
Thos. Morris,	3	"	.15,	45
Wm. Dining,	50	"	.15,	7 50
L. D. Dority, team,	5	"	.40,	2 00
A. C. Lane,	19	"	.15,	2 85
W. Nixon,	21	"	.15,	3 15
C. Dining,	25	"	.15,	3 75
U. Lane,	35	"	.15,	5 25
B. Wiggin,	16	"	.15,	2 40
" pair of horses,	2	"	.25,	50
Charley Wiggin,	25	"	.15,	3 75
Joseph Wiggin,	25	"	.15,	3 75
Geo. H. Wiggin, team,	2 1-4	"	.40,	90
" man,	18	"	.15,	2 70
Wm. Wentworth,	25	"	.15,	3 75
Hugh Gilroy,	20	"	.15,	3 00
G. P. Hoag,	3	"	.15,	45
" team,	11	"	.40,	4 40
A. E. Jewell, team,	5	"	.40,	2 00
" man,	25	"	.15,	3 75
L. H. Thompson, team,	12	"	.40,	4 80
" man,	42	"	.15,	6 30
A. A. Haven, team,	13	"	.40,	5 20
" man,	21	"	.15,	3 15
J. J. Smart,	23	"	.15,	3 45
F. H. Pearson,	39	"	.15,	5 85
L. G. Otis,	8	"	.15,	1 20
Geo. Dean,	8	"	.15,	1 20
James Snell,	22	"	.15,	3 30
W. Beal,	34	"	.15,	5 10
Frank Jones,	12	"	.15,	1 80
A. H. Otis, team,	17	"	.40,	6 80
" man,	22	"	.15,	3 30
H. Q. Tuttle,	13	"	.15,	1 95

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REPORT OF JOHN W. MARSH, SUMMER WORK.

To Henry L. Jewell, team,	60 hours at .40,	\$24 00
Man,	10 " .15,	1 50
George A. Wiggin, 30 loads of gravel and drawing the same, at	.40,	12 00
George A. Tuck,	75 " .15,	11 25
W. L. Barker, with team,	51 1-2 " .40,	20 60
Man,	31 1-2 " .15,	4 72
Warren Witham,	8 " .15,	1 20
A. H. Thompson,	143 " .15,	21 45
G. A. Thompson,	88 " .15,	13 20
Team,	68 " .40,	27 20
A. J. Chapman,	98 " .15,	14 70
J. C. Piper, team,	20 " .40,	8 00
Man,	10 " .15,	1 50
F. V. Chapman, team,	31 " .40,	12 40
John O. French, team,	10 " .40,	4 00
Man,	19 " .15,	2 85
C. H. Thompson, with team,	90 " .40,	36 00
Man,	35 " .15,	5 25
Dynamite and sharpening drills,		75
DeWitt C. Chapman,	39 1-2 " .15,	7 43
Team,	75 " .40,	30 00
Charles E. Wiggin, with team,	20 " .40,	8 00
Otis B. French, team,	48 1-2 " .40,	19 40
Man,	24 " .15,	3 60
Thomas Boardman,	48 1-2 " .15,	7 28
J. T. Roby,	10 " .15,	1 50
George M. Hall, team,	20 " .40,	8 00
A. R. Marsh,	47 1-2 " .15,	7 12
James Kelly,	3 " .15,	45
George Wentworth,	20 " .15,	3 00
J. W. Marsh,	247 " .20,	49 40
Allan Odell, 8 posts at	.12 1-2,	1 00
George H. Odell, shovel, pick, and spikes,		1 94

To A. H. Cragg, team,	3	1-2 hours at .40,	\$1 40
Man,	3	" .15,	45
Michael Hanley,	3	" .15,	45
M. Hanley, use of lantern at washout,			50

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Received from Treasurer, \$373 49

JOHN W. MARSH, ROAD BREAKING.

To J. W. Marsh, for breaking roads,	47	hours at .20,	\$9 40
C. H. Thompson, team,	25	" .40,	10 00
Two teams,	9	" .40,	7 20
Man,	24	" .15,	3 60
A. H. Thompson,	33	" .15,	4 95
J. C. Piper, man,	29	" .15,	4 35
Boys,	27	" .10,	2 70
Two teams,	25	1-2 " .40,	20 40
Team,	4	" .40,	1 60
Otis B. French, man,	25	" .15,	3 75
Team,	3	" .40,	1 20
A. H. Cragg,	27	" .15,	4 05
A. C. Cragg,	27	" .15,	4 05
Curtis Cragg,	29	" .15,	4 35
G. L. Barker,	13	" .15,	1 95
J. O. French,	18	" .15,	2 70
William Roby, .	5	1-2 " .15,	83
A. J. Chapman,	4	" .15,	60
F. V. Chapman,	17	" .15,	2 55
Team,	5	" .40,	2 00
Oscar Chapman,	25	" .15,	3 75
DeWitt Chapman,	29	" .15,	4 35
Charles Grant,	27	" .15,	4 05
Ralph Gowen,	22	" .15,	3 30
Clarence Gowen,	24	" .15,	3 60

To Geo. Wentworth,	21 hours at .15,	\$3 15
Thomas Boardman,	16 1-2 " .15,	2 47
A. R. Marsh,	13 " .15,	1 95
W. L. Barker, man,	36 1-2 " .15,	5 48
Team,	21 1-2 " .40,	8 60
G. W. Dixon, man,	49 1-2, " .15,	7 43
Team,	2 " .40,	80
Samuel Rand,	22 " .15,	3 30
C. E. Pickering, man,	21 " .15,	3 15
Boy,	16 " .10,	1 60
Dudley Littlefield, man,	5 " .15,	75
Team,	7 " .40,	2 80
W. H. Gregory,	22 " .15,	3 30
W. Rand,	3 " .15,	45
H. L. Jewell,	11 " .15,	1 65
C. W. Scott,	4 " .15,	60
George Woodard,	24 1-2 " .15,	3 68
Everett Trefethen,	24 1-2 " .15,	3 68
M. B. Hanley,	19 " .15,	2 85
A. W. Robinson,	38 1-2 " .15,	5 78
Stewart Spurr,	4 " .15,	60
Michael Spurr,	28 " .15,	4 20
John Johnson,	26 " .15,	3 90
W. F. Morse, man,	48 1-2 " .15,	7 28
Team,	2 " .40,	80
F. N. Edmunds, man,	26 " .15,	3 90
Team,	11 " .40,	4 40
Aaron Sanderson,	5 " .15,	75
G. F. Hodgdon,	25 " .15,	3 75
Stephen Beals,	37 " .15,	5 55
G. M. Hall, man,	31 " .15,	4 65
Team,	11 " .40,	4 40

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Board of Education Bills.

Town of Stratham, to GEO. A. WIGGIN, DR.

For services as member of Board of Education :

1897.

Mar. 27,	To writing warrants for special meeting,	\$0 50
27,	Jewell's and Smart's to get warrants signed and posting same,	50
May 2,	Portsmouth to consult J. S. H. Frink in re- gard to laying out yard in Div. 2,	1 00
26,	writing warrants for special meeting,	50
26,	Smart's and Jewell's getting warrants signed and posting same,	50
June 11,	1-2 day laying out yard, Div. 2,	1 00
19,	" " "	1 00
Oct. 23,	moving and setting up stove in Div. 2,	75
23,	man and team, moving wood, Div. 2,	75
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The above bill on account of new school house in Div. 2.

Feb. 13,	To J. J. Scammon's and J. C. Piper's to notify them to serve as school auditors,	\$0 75
19,	all schools with supplies,	75
22,	Exeter with school reports,	1 00
23,	Exeter to proof read school reports,	1 00
26,	Div. 3 with supplies,	50
Mar. 2,	1-2 day in session,	75
5,	visiting Div. 2,	75
8,	" " 4,	1 00
10,	" " 1 and 3,	1 50
13,	one evening session,	50
19,	" "	50
23,	Rockingham Junction to engage teacher,	50
30,	1-2 day in session,	75

Apr.	1,	To Div. 4, on account of conveying children,	\$o 75
	3,	conveying teacher from station to Mr. Martin's,	5o
	5,	Rockingham Junction for school supplies,	5o
	6,	all schools with supplies,	75
	12,	Mrs. Jewell's for signature for Mr. Smart's appointment as member of School Board,	5o
	15,	visiting Div. 1 and 2,	1 0o
	19,	" 3,	75
May	3,	Divs. 1 and 3 with supplies,	5o
	18,	Jewell's and Smart's on account of closing school,	5o
	24,	Div. 1 with supplies,	5o
June	10,	Jewell's and Div. 1 on account of measles,	5o
	17,	visiting Div. 3,	75
	18,	Barrett's to pay for conveying children,	75
Aug.	7,	1 evening in session,	5o
	14,	Div. 3 on account of repairs,	5o
	18,	Div. 3 and 4 on account of cleaning school house and conveying children,	75
Sept.	2,	fare to the Weirs,	2 0o
	2,	1 day at the Weirs, to engage teacher,	2 0o
	3,	Mrs. Margie P. Wiggin's with supplies,	75
	6,	conveying teacher from station to Mr. Martin's,	5o
	8,	all schools with supplies,	75
	14,	visiting all schools,	2 0o
	20,	Div. 4 with supplies,	5o
	21,	Rockingham Junction for supplies,	5o
	24,	all schools with supplies, and Woodard's, Smart's and Jewell's on school business,	1 0o
	27,	1 evening in session,	5o
	29,	Div. 3 with supplies,	5o
Oct.	5,	Div. 1, "	5o
	6,	Rockingham Junction for supplies,	5o
	7,	visiting Div. 1 and 2,	1 0o
	20,	Div. 3 with supplies,	5o
	29,	Div. 3, on account of repairs,	5o
	31,	Exeter to get funnel for stove Div. 3, and setting up same,	1 25

Nov. 8,	To all schools on account of Teachers' Institute,	\$0 75
16,	S. C. Piper's and Div. 2 for wood,	50
24,	Div. 3 and 4 with supplies,	50
Dec. 1,	visiting Div. 3,	75
2,	" " 2,	75
16,	all schools to pay teachers,	1 00
20,	Div. 4, to arrange for winter school,	75
1898.		
Jan. 8,	Rockingham Junction for supplies,	50
10,	visiting Divs. 1, 3 and 4,	2 00
11,	" 1, 2 and 4 with supplies,	75
27,	visiting Div. 2,	75
Feb. 4,	J. C. Piper's on account of wood,	50
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Town of Stratham to JOHN J. SMART, DR.

To services as member of School Board :

1897.		
Mar. 30,	1-2 day in session,	\$0 75
Apr. 20, 21, 22, 23, 3	1-2 days enumerating school children at \$1 50 per day,	5 25
June 11-19,	laying out school yard,	1 50
23,	Mrs. Jewell and G. A. Wiggin, on account charts,	1 00
Aug. 9,	evening session,	50
Sept. 25,	evening session,	50
27,	investigating trouble in Division 2, and evening session,	2 00
Oct. 16,	1-2 day attending sale of school house in Division 2,	75
23,	1-2 day moving furniture from old to new school house,	75
Nov. 6,	1-2 day moving seats from school house to Town Hall,	1 50
Dec. 17,	evening session,	50
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		\$15 00

Report of the Board of Health.

Supplies furnished the family of Loren Thompson :

To Geo. H. Odell, groceries,	\$24 41
J. T. Smart, meat,	2 91
M. G. Roberts, dry goods,	3 13
Sheldon Bros., bedding,	9 00
Geo. E. Gowen, disinfectants,	1 60
J. Johnson, driving milk team,	9 60
Dr. J. E. Odell,	41 50
Barrel chloride lime and supplies,	46 18

Dr. F. W. Pike, vaccination,	9 00
Mark G. Roberts, serving on Board of Health,	16 25
Fred N. Edmunds, " "	4 75
Geo. E. Gowen, " "	5 25

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MARK G. ROBERTS, } Board
GEO. E. GOWEN, } of
FRED N. EDMUNDS, } Health.

Library Report.

The total number of books acquired during the year is 170. Of these, 89 were purchased from the town appropriation. Eighty volumes, consisting of publications of the Smithsonian Institute, Bureau of Ethnology, Bureau of Animal Industry, etc., were donated by the government upon application by the trustees. One volume was donated by the local W. C. T. U.

While works of fiction, history, travel, etc., must of necessity make up by far the larger part of a public library, it has been the aim to include in our library a good proportion of books of especial value to a farming community and it now contains most of the latest and best authorities on plant growth, crop raising, fruit culture, gardening, floriculture, bee-keeping, road making, stock-breeding, poultry culture, tuberculosis, diseases of animals, spraying plants, use of insecticides, etc. These books have been well received.

The patronage of the library has been very gratifying. Borrower's cards have been issued to 235 individuals; 2400 books have been taken out since January 1, 1897, and an average of about 50 books are called for at present every day the library is open.

The library was continued in the store and under the care of Mr. A. C. Lane until October, 1897, when it became necessary to move elsewhere. It was placed temporarily in the basement of the town hall until January, 1898, when it was installed in the new room provided by the town. The new room admirably answers the needs of the library and contains space for additional shelving sufficient to meet all probable needs for many years to come. Since October Mr. F. A. Caverly, of the Trustees, has acted as Librarian and his systematic methods and his fidelity in caring for public property in his charge have met the warm approval of his associates. The Trustees would also acknowledge their obligations to the Selectmen for interest manifested and aid given in all matters pertaining to the library.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from last year,	\$25 57	
Appropriation, 1897,	72 30	
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EXPENDITURES.

1897.		
Aug. 17,	paid DeWolf, Fiske & Co., for books as per bill,	\$17 29
Dec. 6,	" " "	57 51
20,	" J. J. Smart, for books as per bill,	4 72
1898.		
Jan. 19,	" DeWolf, Fiske & Co., as per bill,	4 16
Feb. 1,	" R. M. Scammon for books pur- chased as per bill,	8 70
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		\$92 38
Balance on hand,		\$5 49

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. GOWEN,	} Library Trustees.
F. A. CAVERLY,	
R. M. SCAMMON,	

STRATHAM, Feb. 15, 1898.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of the Library Trustees and find them rightly cast and properly vouched and a balance in their hands of five dollars and forty-nine cents.

JOHN N. THOMPSON,	} Auditors.
JOHN J. SMART,	

LIST OF BOOKS PURCHASED.

A10	Sunlight and shadow,	W. I. L. Adams
A11	Photos of the world's fair.	
A12	American civil war book, and Grant album.	
B38	Personal memoirs, Vol. 1,	W. T. Sherman
B39	" " " 2,	" "
B40	Samuel Sewall,	N. H. Chamberlain
B41	Twelve naval captains,	M. E. Seawell
B42	Woman and temperance,	F. E. Willard
B43	Famous authors of England and America,	W. W. Birdsall
B44	Stories of great Americans,	T. S. Meek
B45	Butler's book,	B. F. Butler
D10	Works of O. W. Holmes,	O. W. Holmes
11B1	A house boat on the Styx,	J. K. Bangs
11B2	The pursuit of the house boat,	" "
11B3	Paste jewels,	" "
17B	Sentimental Tommy,	J. M. Barrie
17B1	The little minister,	" "
18B	A hero in homespun,	W. E. Barton
19B	A capital courtship,	Alex. Black
20B	Equality,	Edward Bellamy
9C1	The Christian,	Hall Caine
9C2	The Manxman,	" "
7C4	The juggler,	C. E. Craddock
10C2	The lilac sunbonnet,	S. R. Crockett
10C3	The Stickit minister,	" "
15C	Stories of American pioneer life,	J. F. Cooper
10D1	Soldiers of fortune,	R. H. Davis
11D1	Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes,	A. C. Doyle
11D2	Micah Clark,	" "
13D1	Robinson Crusoe,	Daniel Defoe
3F1	Story of an untold love,	P. L. Ford
8G1	The Beth book,	Sarah Grand
14H2	Allen Quatermain,	H. Rider Haggard
14H3	She,	" "
16H2	Little Mr. Thimblefinger,	J. C. Harris

16H3	Mr. Rabbit at home,	J. C. Harris
16H4	The story of Aaron,	" "
16H5	Aaron in the wildwoods,	" "
17H2	Chronicles of Count Antonio,	A. Hope
19H	My opinions and Betsey Bobbet's,	M. Holley
20H	A march on London,	G. A. Henty
20H1	With Moore at Corunna,	" "
20H2	With Frederick the great,	" "
21H	Fighting a fire,	C. T. Hill
4J	The New England country,	C. Johnson
2K2	Captains courageous,	Rudyard Kipling
13M	In Kedars tents,	H. S. Merriman
14M	Hugh Wynne, Vol. 1,	S. M. Mitchell
14M1	" " " 2,	" "
15M	True detective stories,	C. Moffet
1P1	Mrs. Keats Bradford,	M. L. Pool
1P2	Roweny in Boston,	" "
4P2	A singular life,	E. S. Phelps
8P	The seats of the mighty,	G. Parker
9P	Strikers, communists, etc.,	A. Pinkerton
8R	Pony tracks,	Frederic Remington
13S1	Mrs. Cliff's yacht,	Frank R. Stockton
14S1	Treasure island,	R. L. Stevenson
8T1	A Connecticut Yankee,	Mark Twain
10T	An American emperor,	Louis Tracy
12T	Boy soldiers of 1812,	E. T. Tomlinson
12T1	Guarding the border,	" "
12T2	Washington's young aids,	" "
12T3	Boy officers of 1812,	" "
1V	From the earth to the moon,	Jules Verne
1V1	20,000 leagues under the sea,	" "
1V2	The mysterious island,	" "
1V4	To the sun,	" "
8W1	Jerome, a poor man,	M. E. Wilkins
H44	History of the United States,	J. C. Ridpath
H45	History of the Confederate states,	J. Davis
H46	Naval actions of 1812,	James Barnes

H47	Rise of the Dutch republic, Vol. 1,	J. L. Motley
H48	" " " " 2,	" "
H49	Tenting on the plains,	E. B. Custer
M17	Our fight with Tammany,	C. H. Parkhurst
N26	Other worlds than ours,	R. A. Proctor
R8	In darkest England,	General Booth
T45	Cuba in war time,	R. H. Davis
U20	Spraying of plants,	E. G. Lodeman
U21	Tuberculosis among cattle,	H. L. Shumway
U22	Farm and stock cyclopedia,	W. F. Brown
U23	Veterinary hand-book,	O. W. Gleason
U24	Principles of fruit growing,	L. H. Bailey
U25	The fertility of the land,	" "
U26	The plant world,	F. Vincent
U27	The story of germ life,	H. W. Conn
U29	Diseases of cattle,	Gov't. Pub.
U30	Diseases of horses,	" "
U33	Power through repose,	A. P. Call

Annual Report of the Board of Education

OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM.

ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE A. WIGGIN, Chairman.
MRS. A. E. JEWELL, Secretary.
JOHN J. SMART.

CALENDAR.

Spring term, April 5 to June 18.
Fall term, September 7 to December 17.
Winter term, January 3 to February 18.

TEACHERS.

Division No. 1.

Miss Gorda Nana Bean, of The Weirs, N. H.
Miss Bertha May King, of Lancaster, N. H.

Division No. 2.

Miss Myra Hayes, of Limerick, Maine.

Division No. 3.

Miss Ida May Slack, of North Abington, Mass.

Division No. 4.

Mrs. Margie P. Wiggin, Stratham, N. H.
Miss Florence M. Dining, Stratham, N. H.

DIVISION NO 1.

Miss Gorda Nana Bean, of the Weirs, taught the Spring term with reasonable success, but resigned during the summer vacation to accept a position in the graded schools of Laconia.

She was succeeded by Miss Bertha May King, of Lancaster, who came highly recommended, having taken the State examinations and obtained the State teachers' certificate from New Hampshire and Vermont. She had also taught two years. Her quiet, dignified manner and amiable disposition soon won the esteem and respect of her pupils, and she has proven a refined, efficient teacher, destined to achieve marked success.

Unfortunately, the school work was somewhat retarded by the illness of Miss King and the consequent closing of the school for two weeks in the Fall term; but the Winter term has gone forward without a break, showing such progress as can only be attained by diligence and interest on the part of pupils and teacher. Special improvement was noticed in reading and rhetorical exercises.

DIVISION NO. 2.

Miss Myra Hayes, of Limerick, Me., a graduate of Abbot Academy, has taught the entire year, and given abundant evidence of being not only well educated, but apt to teach principles of the common school branches and their practical application.

Her methods are approved and interesting, and her earnest, unremitting work for the school has not been in vain.

The children become duly impressed with the necessity of being honest and persevering in the performance of school duties, and it has been a year fruitful of good results.

We have never seen this school appear so studious, contented and happy as at our last visit in the new school building, which, after four months' use, shows neither scratch nor scar—this is very creditable to teacher and pupils, and they have our approbation.

DIVISION NO. 3.

Miss Ida May Slack throughout the year has continued to develop all the enthusiasm and good scholarship of those under her charge, and has elicited the same warm commendation from the School Board and visitors, as in previous years.

As additional tribute to her worth as a teacher, we would say she abounds in devices that serve to excite intellectual curiosity, and possesses the rare power of so marshalling facts as to arouse in her pupils an intelligent interest in all subjects taught.

The order, progress and appearance of the school have been all that could be desired.

DIVISION NO. 4.

Reported under "General Remarks."

GENERAL REMARKS.

The close of the present fiscal year finds the town much better equipped as regards school buildings than ever before in its history, and as the people of Stratham are noted for their intelligence and culture, we feel sure they will in the future, as in the past, make every feasible effort to advance the prosperity and elevate the character of their schools, that the youth whom they send forth from year to year may be given the greatest possible impetus to become the best type of American citizen.

That there has been an evolution in education as in everything else, none can dispute.

We now have inviting school houses, attractive books, trained and scholarly teachers and everything along the highway of learning made pleasant and helpful; but in no one thing is this evolution more marked than in discipline.

Our fathers believed most firmly in the efficacy of corporal punishment, but a gratifying softening in the spirit and method of correction now pervades our schools.

Naturally the schools present from year to year some points to criticise and some to commend. The home instruction in these busy rushing days counts for so much less than formerly, that upon the teacher to-day rests a grave and increasing responsibility.

Too much attention cannot be given to the morals of pupils, and the teacher who neglects those important duties is not qualified for the position she occupies.

A new library, obtained through the efforts of the scholars, has this year been placed in Division 1, and it is pleasing to remark that neat cases with small but well selected libraries now afford highly appreciated supplementary reading in Divisions 1, 2, and 3.

Parents and citizens of Division 2 can truly say, "Patient waiters are no losers."

While we would not recommend the building of palaces for

school houses, still it is very desirable that they be not only comfortable but attractive, and in the completion of the new school building we would congratulate all interested that these two qualities have been attained.

Children as well as adults are affected by their surroundings — indeed, Mrs. Livermore has said, “Environment will overcome heredity.” If this is true we can hardly overestimate the benefit which must accrue to the children privileged to attend school in the pleasantly located, finely appointed school house in Division 2. This school was closed for five weeks during the Spring term on account of measles and scarlet fever.

In the Summer vacation the room in Division 3, with its steel ceiling, was newly painted in soft tints, desks re-varnished and floor oiled. These improvements with pictures added by teacher and pupils make an attractive, homelike room.

At the beginning of the year it was decided not to open the school house in Division 4, until a sufficient number of scholars should make such a step practicable; therefore, in the Spring term the pupils were conveyed to Division 1, as in the two preceding years.

One or two of the children being too small for the long ride in cold weather, it was deemed advisable to make other arrangements, which resulted in a Fall term of 15 weeks, taught by Mrs. Margie P. Wiggin at her home, with an attendance of 3, and a Winter term of 7 weeks, taught by Miss Florence M. Dining at her home, with an attendance of 5.

Painstaking, satisfactory work has been done by both ladies, and we are confident these arrangements have provided the children of Division 4 with school advantages equal to those of the other Divisions, at a saving to the tax payers of about \$175.00.

Vertical writing has been taught throughout the year in each school.

Under the new law our scholastic year now begins with the Fall term and ends in June.

GEORGE A. WIGGIN,

For Board of Education.

Stratham, Feb. 18, 1898.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

SPRING TERM, APRIL 5 TO JUNE 18. DIVISION NO. 1.

Wilfred Batchelder, George W. Berry, Arthur B. Cushman, Harry H. Cushman, Lucy E. Gordon, Mary A. Lane, Ralph D. Parkman, Ruth N. Parkman, Raymond B. Scammon, Lottie G. Smart, Howard H. Wiggin, Marion A. Wiggin.

DIVISION NO. 2.

John Cooper, L. Pearl Chase, Russell G. Chase, Rosalie Littlefield, Carrie A. Rand, Mary Rand, Sarah S. Rand, Everett Trefethen.

DIVISION NO. 3.

Edith J. Barker, Cora M. Chapman, Maud E. Chapman, Warren D. Chapman, Charlie H. Cragg, Horace W. Cragg, Bennie F. Gowen, Philip L. Gowen, Charlie E. Jewell, M. Evelyn Thompson, Blanch C. Witham, Hattie M. Witham.

FALL TERM, SEPTEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 17. DIVISION NO. 1.

Willis E. Brewster, George W. Berry, Raymond B. Scammon, Alice Smith, Loren Smith, Roy R. Wiggin.

DIVISION NO. 2.

L. Pearl Chase, Russell G. Chase, Edward Cragg, Mildred Lane, Rosalie Littlefield.

DIVISION NO. 3.

George E. Chapman, Russell P. Chapman, Warren D. Chapman, Herbert C. Grant, Charlie E. Jewell, Flossie P. Kelley.

DIVISION NO. 4.

Abbott H. Lane, Lucy Lane.

WINTER TERM, JANUARY 3 TO FEBRUARY 18. DIVISION NO. 1.

George W. Berry, S. Ruth Martin, Harry F. Oliver, Ruth N. Parkman, Raymond B. Scammon, Roy R. Wiggin.

DIVISION NO. 2.

L. Pearl Chase, Russell G. Chase, Edward Cragg, Leroy Gregory, Arnold Leavitt, Bryant Leavitt, Mira Littlefield, Rosalie Littlefield, Carrie Thompson, Dorothy Thompson.

DIVISION NO. 3.

George E. Chapman, Russell P. Chapman, Warren D. Chapman, Charlie H. Cragg, Horace W. Cragg, G. Arthur Gowen, R. Howard Gowen, Philip L. Gowen, Mark F. Piper, Earle R. Stockbridge.

TEXT BOOKS USED.

New Normal Reader, Buckwalter's Speller, Greenleaf's Arithmetic, Harper's Geography, Barnes' History, Raub's Grammar, Smith's Physiology, Robinson's Algebra, Ginn & Co.'s Vertical Writing Book.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

DIVISIONS.	1	2	3	4	TOTAL.
No. weeks in spring term.....	10	6	11		27
“ fall term.....	13	15	15	15	58
“ winter term.....	9	7	7	7	30
No. pupils registered in spring term.....	37	37	33		107
“ fall term.....	27	41	38	3	109
“ winter term.....	21	39	34	5	99
Average daily attendance in spring term....	32	35	30		97
“ fall term.....	24	32	34	2	92
“ winter term....	18	30	30	4	82
Percentage of attendance for year.....	94	89	93		92
No. of visits by Board of Education.....	8	10	8	4	30
No. of visits by citizens and others.....	45	59	111		215
Wages of teachers in spring term.....	\$36	\$36	\$40		
“ fall term.....	\$36	\$36	\$44		
“ winter term.....	\$36	\$36	\$44		
No. pupils not absent in spring term.....	12	8	12		30
“ fall term.....	6	5	6	2	17
“ winter term.....	6	10	10		25
“ during year.....	2	3	1		6
No. pupils in Reading during year.....	37	41	38	5	121
“ Spelling “.....	37	41	38	5	121
“ Penmanship “.....	37	41	38	5	121
“ Arithmetic “.....	37	37	36	5	115
“ Grammar “.....	29	30	25	5	89
“ Geography “.....	29	29	27	5	81
“ History “.....	26	10	18	3	51
“ Algebra “.....	11	4	7	1	23
“ Composition “.....	26	19	27		72
“ Physiology “.....	8		9		17

In compliance with a vote passed by the District, we herewith submit an itemized account of expenditures from the time of auditing, 1897, to auditing 1898 :

Paid Miss Slack, for teaching winter term, 1897,	\$110 00
Miss Bradley, " " "	100 00
Miss Gowen, " " "	90 00
Miss Lamprey, " " "	70 00
Roy Wiggin, janitor for " "	5 00
Bertha Gowen, " " "	5 00
Howard Wiggin, " " "	5 00
Mack and Trefethen, " "	5 00
Miss Slack, for Spring, Fall and Winter terms, '97-'98,	352 00
Miss Hayes, " " " "	252 00
Miss Bean, " " term,	90 00
Miss King, " " terms,	198 00
Mrs. Margie P. Wiggin, for teaching,	45 00
Miss Florence Dining, " "	24 50
E. J. Barrett, conveying children,	42 30
" setting glass,	45
Janitors for all schools, Spring, Fall and Winter terms,	34 85
J. H. Batchelder, for school supplies,	7 32
E. E. Babb & Co., " "	46 91
Maynard, Merrill & Co., " "	3 08
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, " "	3 35
Werner School Book Co., " "	1 60
Ginn & Co., " "	9 80
Young & Perkins, paint, oil, door mat, etc.,	7 52
Geo. H. Odell, brooms, dippers, etc.,	2 98
H. H. Leavitt, repairs on school building,	4 49
H. J. Willey, labor and stock, painting school room,	
division 3,	18 10
F. P. Harvey, repairs on school buildings,	3 90
Mrs. Wm. Wentworth, cleaning school house, Div. 1,	4 00
Mrs. Wm. Dining, " " " 3,	3 00
" " " "	2 00
Insurance premium, school house, division 2,	40 00
" " " " 3,	20 00
Express on school supplies for the year,	2 25
Postage, " "	40
For blank warrants,	20

\$1,610 00

GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

Stratham, Feb. 18, 1898.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB-
RUARY 15, 1898.

REPORT OF TREASURER ALBERT C. LANE.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Balance on hand from last year,	\$427 25
School money raised by town,	1,205 00
Income from literary fund,	75 64
“ dog license,	28 20
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	\$1,736 09

TREASURER'S DISCHARGE.

March 7, 1897, Paid George A. Wiggin for	
benefit of schools,	\$403 37
April 5, “ “ “	54 00
June 17, “ “ “	260 95
Dec. 19, “ “ “	475 50
Feb. 10, 1898, “ “	245 50
April 5, 1897, James C. Piper, wood,	19 94
Jan. 10, 1898, “	38 25
Feb. 10, “	22 75
Feb. 15, Balance on hand,	215 83
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	\$1,736 09

AUDITORS' REPORT.

STRATHAM, Feb. 15, 1898.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of Treasurer Albert C. Lane of the School District of the Town of Stratham and find them fairly brought and rightly cast and vouched and a balance of two hundred fifteen dollars and eighty-three cents (\$215.83) in his hands.

JOHN J. SCAMMON, }
JOHN N. THOMPSON, } Auditors.

TREASURER LANE'S REPORT FOR THE BUILDING COMMITTEE, DIVISION 2.

REPORT OF TREASURER ALBERT C. LANE.

Received of Treasurer, Town of Stratham,	\$500 00
John N. Thompson on district note,	500 00
J. C. A. Wingate, Treasurer of the Congre- gational Church,	1,000 00
Town Treasurer, authorized by vote of the district,	50 00
R. M. Scammon, sale of school house,	51 10
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	\$2,101 10
 Paid John Templeton, advertising,	 \$2 00
E. M. C. Lane, for land,	75 00
H. H. Leavitt, moving fence,	7 42
“ on contract,	69 30
“ “	65 00
“ “	200 00
“ “	400 00
I. W. Tuttle, for plans,	25 00
H. H. Leavitt, on contract,	150 00
I. W. Tuttle, grading,	15 00
H. H. Leavitt, on contract,	10 00
“ “	200 00
“ “	150 00
Geo. E. Gowen, freight bill,	6 65
H. H. Leavitt, on account,	200 00
“ “	165 02
Wm. H. Hockaday, shades,	45 50
I. W. Tuttle, superintending,	22 50
H. H. Leavitt,	42 88
John Templeton, printing,	1 00
H. J. Willey, cleaning windows,	2 00
Moore & Rushton, centre pieces,	3 85

Paid Getchell & Taylor, chandelier,	\$9 98
Young & Perkins, stove,	39 28
H. H. Leavitt, extra,	8 50
Geo. E. Gowen, freight,	4 49
Chandler Adjustable Desk Co.,	93 74
Wm. H. Hockaday, settee,	16 20
J. L. Hammett, blackboard,	26 55
Geo. E. Gowen, for services,	19 60
R. M. Scammon, “	14 08
I. W. Tuttle, “	10 56
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	\$2,101 10

GEO. E. GOWEN, } Building Committee
R. M. SCAMMON, } of
S. W. TUTTLE, } School Dist. of Stratham.

STRATHAM, Feb. 15, 1898.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer of the School District of the Town of Stratham Building Committee for Division 2, and find them fairly brought, well vouched and balanced.

J. J. SCAMMON, }
J. N. THOMPSON, } Auditors.

NOTE.

The following is the indebtedness of the District :

Note of John N. Thompson,	\$500 00
“ Congregational Church,	500 00
“ “ “	500 00
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	\$1,500 00

BIRTHS Registered in the town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date 1897.	Name of Child (if any).	Living or Still-born.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male or Female.	No. of Child.					
Jan. 13	William H.,	M	2		Fred Jewell,	Mary A. Roby,	Stratham,	Stratham.
15	Martha,	F	11		Uri Lane,	Addie Palmer,	North Hampton,	Hampton.
May 24	Ruth,	"	2		D. A. Boatright,	Ida Buntin,	Lamott, Ill.,	Montgomery.
June 6	Gladys,	"	5		Stephen Beal,	Edith Spurr,	Nova Scotia,	Nova Scotia.
June 27	Grace L.,	"	3		George A. Tuck,	Effie A. Chapman,	Stratham,	Stratham.
July 20	—	"	5		Ernest Raimmie,	Odaris Provos,	England,	Canada.
23	Gladys,	F	1		Adrian O. Cooper,	Susie N. Waldron,	Nova Scotia,	Kittery, Me.
Aug. 23	George,	M	4		George F. Wentworth,	Sarah E. James,	Great Falls,	Nottingham.
30	Leonard R.,	"	10		William Nixon,	Sarah —	Ireland,	Ireland.
Sept. 1	George M.,	"	1		Daniel H. Hodgdon,	Alma A. Hanley,	Stratham,	Kittery, Me.
Nov. 10	Benjamin F.,	"	7		Corrilla Rand,	Edna Hodgdon,	Exeter,	Stratham.
28	Nellie A.,	F	11		Loren H. Thompson,	Isabella Thompson,	Nottingham,	England.
Dec. 26	John Lanson,	M	1		J. Fred Emery,	Fannie L. Stoddard,	Stratham,	Portsmouth.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date 1897.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 7	Stratham,	Richard M. Scammon, Annie P. Wiggins,	37 24	W "	Stratham, Stratham,	Richard Scammon, Abigail Batchelder, George A. Wiggins, Bell Tucker,	1st, "	George A. Foss, Clergyman.
Feb. 25	Stratham,	Adrian O. Cooper, Susie M. Waldron,	20 19	" "	Nova Scotia, Kittery, Me.,	James E. Cooper, Elizabeth Sweeney, Thomas F. Waldron,	1st, "	Irving W. Coombs, Clergyman.
Mar. 2	Stratham,	James O'Brien, Cora A. Wentworth,	27 17	" "	New Brunswick, Stratham,	Henry O'Brien, Mary Murphy, George Wentworth, Mary James,	1st, "	Irving W. Coombs, Clergyman.
24	Stratham,	Lewis A. Barnaby, Charlotte A. Thompson,	26 18	" "	Billstown, N.S., Stratham,	W. H. Barnaby, Emma Benjamin, Loren H. Thompson, Bell Thompson,	1st, "	J. H. Mugridge, Clergyman.
Aug. 29	Stratham,	Thomas F. Rhines, Esther A. Livingston,	33 23	" "	Wiscasset, Me., Portsmouth,	Joseph Rhines, Mary Esther, William Livingston, Anna Livingston,	2d, 1st,	Irving W. Coombs, Clergyman.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
1896. Mar. 20	Josiah B. Wigginn,	84	9		Stratham,	M	W	M	Andrew Wigginn,	Dolly Wigginn.
1897. Feb. 3	William L. Jewell.		21		Stratham,	"	"	S	Fred L. Jewell,	Mary L. Robie.
6	Levi W. Mason,	69	1	6	Stratham,	"	"	M	Levi Mason,	Elizabeth Clark.
7	Caroline A. Mason,	61	7	16	Stratham,	F	"	W	Asa Jewell,	Mary Rundlett.
7	Sarah E. Odell,	73	6	16	Stratham,	"	"	"	Daniel Wigginn,	— Clark.
24	Hannah M. Wigginn,	75	2	23	Stratham,	"	"	"	Levi Jewell,	Hannah Marston.
26	Charles Wigginn,	71	5		Stratham,	M	"	M		
30	Charles W. Jones,	59	11	25	Stratham,	"	"	"	Samuel Jones,	Augusta Wigginn.
16	Loren S. Thompson,	1	5	4	Stratham,	"	"	S	Loren H. Thompson,	Isabella Thompson.
21	Cynthia A. Thompson,	12	1	1	Stratham,	F	"	"	Loren H. Thompson,	Isabella Thompson.
5	Daniel H. Rand,	2	2	28	Stratham,	M	"	"	Cirrello Rand,	Edna Hodgdon.
6	Gladys Beal,				Stratham,	F	"	"	Stephen Beal,	Edith Spurr.
15	Phineas M. Chase,	89	8	12	Stratham,	M	"	W	Nicholas Chase,	Mary Wigginn.
9	Joshua J. Lane,	86	8		Stratham,	"	"	"	James Lane,	Deborah Folsom.
2	Selina W. Severance,	74	10	16	Stratham,	F	"	"	Zebulon Wigginn,	Mary Odell.
31	Samuel Giles,	61	6		Barrington,	M	"	"	Daniel Giles,	— Willey.

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